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SUBJECT: CYPRUS/EGYPT

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM AND OTHER
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN TOPICS (STATE 071814), CYPRUS HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES GAVE SECRETARY
MARCH 17, BRIEF ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT TO CAIRO PRIOR TO U.S.
VISIT.

2. MICHAELIDES SAID THAT HE HAD HAD GOOD DISCUSSIONS IN
CAIRO WITH EGYPTIAN SPEAKER OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY MAREI, AND
THEY HAD AGREED ON A CERTAIN LINE OF ACTION. MICHAELIDES
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SAID BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A COMMUNI-
CATIONS PROBLEM AT THE TIME OF THE LARNACA INCIDENT. FOR
EXAMPLE, MICHAELIDES SAID EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA
HAD NOT BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS AND
THUS PROVIDED ASSURANCES TO GOC REPRESENTATIVES THAT WERE
NOT KEPT. MICHAELIDES SAID THAT BOTH GOC AND GOE WOULD
AVOID MAKING STATEMENTS TO FURTHER AGGRAVATE CYPRIOT/

EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO GRADUALLY MOVE RELATIONS BACK TO PREVIOUS PRE-LARNACA BASIS. CYPRIOT JUDICIAL PROCEDURE WOULD BE COMPLETED SOON. SITUATION HAD BEEN MOST UNFORTUNATE AND MICHAELIDES NOTED THAT GOC HAD ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITHOUT CREATING MORE AGGRAVATION.

3. SECRETARY SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN IMPROVING CYPRIOT/EGYPTIAN RELATIONSHIP. VANCE

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